

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: HOLTZAPPLE, et al.
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Filing Date: October 31, 2003
Group Art Unit: 1797
Confirmation No.: 9996
Examiner: William H. Beisner
Title: **METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PRETREATMENT
AND PROCESSING OF BIOMASS**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE FILED WITH A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

In response to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2007, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the below comments.